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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Official Action issued on October 3, 2006, in connection with a counterpart Japanese application, together with an English translation thereof; and a copy of an Official Action issued on October 6, 2006, in connection with a counterpart Australian application.

Also enclosed are copies of documents cited in the enclosed Official Actions, that have not previously been cited and submitted for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. That is, enclosed please find copies of International (PCT) Publication No. WO 2004/003551; U.S. Patent No. 4,868,396; and the article by Hansma, "Varieties of imaging with scanning probe microscopes", in PNAS (December 21, 1999), Vol. 96, No. 26, pages 14678-14680.

Please note that the other documents cited in the enclosed Official Actions (that is, Documents 1-6 on the third page of the English translation of the enclosed Japanese Official Action issued on October 3, 2006) have previously been submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Of these previously submitted documents, please note that JP 3386883 was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 18, 2005, upon originally filing the above-identified application; and the other references previously submitted, were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 19, 2006.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English-language translation of the enclosed Official Action issued on October 3, 2006, in the counterpart Japanese application, and/or by the English abstract of the enclosed International (PCT) published application. In addition, please note that the enclosed English translation of the enclosed Official Action in the counterpart Japanese application further satisfies requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), with respect to previously submitted documents in Information Disclosure Statements submitted October 18, 2005 and May 19, 2006, and referred to previously.

Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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